

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSIONS OF FOREST VILLAGES INTO REVENUE VILLAGES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of forest villages in Madhya Pradesh alongwith the action proposed to be taken to convert these forest villages into revenue villages; and

(b) the time by which these forest villages are likely to be notified as revenue villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As per information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh, there are 925 forest villages in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Proposals for conversion of all 925 forest villages have been received in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Out of these, 315 forest villages located in 11 Districts viz. Khargone, Dewas, Rajgarh, Guna, Sidhi, Vidisha, Badwani, Dindori, Chhindwada, Raisen & Obedullah Ganj and Sagar, have already been converted into revenue villages under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The process of conversion of forest villages, is held up due to the Supreme Court's order dated: 13-11-2000 whereby the Apex Court has banned dereservation of forests/national parks/sanctuaries.